(b) if so, what are the detaiis thereof stating the Central assistance, if any proposed to be given for setting up of the same; and

(c) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider the importance of such a training in preventing industrial accidents and environmental hazards?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to provide housing sites to Backward Classes

2754. SHRI KOTAIAH PRAGADA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to treat educationally and socially backward classes at par with Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the matter of providing house sites; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) At present there is no proposal under Government's consideration to treat educationally and socially backward classes at par with Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the matter of providing house sites.

Private Industrial Training Institutes at par with Government I.T.I.s

2755. SHRI KOTAIAH PRAGADA: Will the the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to treat Industrial Training Institutes in the Private sector at par with I.T.I.s of the State Governments to introduce new trades with the assistance of the World Bank, in case the private I.T.Is. trades are affiliated to the National Council for Vocational Training, New Delhi.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): No Sir, there is no such proposal under Government's consideration at present.

Improvement in suburban railway services in Bombay

2756. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what steps are being taken by Government to improve the Central Railway and Western Railway and suburban railway services in Bombay city?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): A statement is attached. (*See* below)

Statement

Steps taken to improve the suburban Railway services in Bombay.

1. Improvement to the Central and Western Railway:

Improvement to the Railways is a continuous process, depending on the needs and availability of resources.

A. **Central Railway**

A provision of Rs. 362.93 crores has been made in the 1990-91 budget for the Central Railway for new lines, traffic facility works, signalling improvements, electrification of heavy density routes, computerisation of passenger reservation systems, track renewal, remodelling of stations, construction of road overbridges, modernisation of workshops and improvements in other areas and procurement of machinery & plant and rolling stock.

The major works include:

(i) New Lines:

(a) Satna-Rewa

(b) Guna-Etawah